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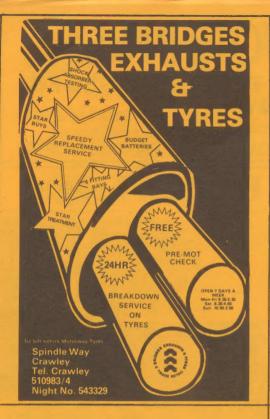
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Bobby NASH (capt.)	4	Gary BROWN
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Dave GATES	7	Steve WATTS
Mick GARRAHY	8	Ricky HOLDER
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MONDAY 2 MAY 1983

K.O. 11.00 a.m.

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1.	Date	Venue	Competition	Opposition		T F-	<u>Scorers</u>			
	14/08	A	County League	Chichester City	0-	1 0-2				
	18/08	H	COUNTY LEAGUE	STEYNING TOLAL		0 2-0				
	21/08	H	COUNTY LEAGUE	HAILSHAM TOWN						
	24/08	A	County League	Southwick		0 1-0				
	28/08	A	County League	Arundel		0 1-2				
	04/09	H	COUNTY LEAGUE	MICK		2 0-2				
	11/09	A	County League			0 2-0				
	18/09	H	F.A.CUP 1 QLF	Littlehampton Town UXBRIDGE		2 0-2				
	21/09	A	F.A. Cup Replay			0 0-0				
	25/09	A	County League	(404)		0 2-1				
	02/10	A		Hastings Town		3 2-4				
•	09/10	H	F.A.Cup 2 Qlf	Kingstonian		2 3-4	Palmer, Ranson, Gates			
	16/10	H	LEAGUE CUP 1	C' OWBOROUGH ATHLETIC	0-0	2-1	Palmer 2			
	23/10	-	COUNTY LEAGUE	PAGHAM	2-(3-1	Reed, Palmer, Nash (pen			
		Н	COUNTY LEAGUE	MIDEURST & EASEBOURNE	E 0-0	0-0	, the state of the			
	30/10	A	RUR Cup 1	Peacehaven & Tels.	1-0	1-0	Palmer			
	06/11	H	F. 4. VASE 1	HERNE BAY		1-0				
	13/11	A	County League	Eastbourne Town	0-0	0-0	, g-u.,			
	20/11	H	SX SEN CUP 1	MIDHURST & EASEBOURNE	5 1-1	1 1-2	Palmer			
	04/12	A	F. A. Vase 2	Ash United		3-2				
	18/12	H	RUR CUP 2	EAST GRINSTEAD		1-0				
	27/12	A	County League	Burgess Hill Town		1-1				
	01/01	H	F. A. VASE 3	ROMSEY TOWN		3-2				
	22/01		F.A. Vase 4	Bracknell Town		0-1	Nash, Gates, Smith			
	29/01		RUR CUP 3	MIDHURST & EASEBOURNE	1-0	1 1 0	Damasa			
	05/02		League Cup 2	Peacehaven & Tels.			Ranson			
	19/02		RUR Cup S-F	Lancing		0-1				
				Dationing	1-0	4-0	Gates, Palmer 2, Mash			
	26/02	H	COUNTY LEAGUE	CHICHESTER CITY	0.0		(pen)			
	05/03		COUNTY LEAGUE	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN		1-0	Palmer			
	08/03		RUR Cup Final			1-1				
		-	non oup ringi	Hastings Town	1-1	3-2	Gates, Ranson 2			
	12/03	A	County I	(at Lancing)						
	1-107	- "	County League	Midhurst & Easebourne	1-1	4-1	Yearwood, Ranson,			
	15/03	A	Country To-	1.0 .1.			Palmer, Gates			
	19/03		County League	Wick	1-0	2-1	Palmer 2			
	26/03	21	COUNTY LEAGUE	AMUNDEL	0-0	1-0	Prooker			
	02/04		County League	Hailsham Town	0-0	0-0				
		A	County League	Ringner	0-0	1-0	Ranson			
	04/04	H	COUNTY LEAGUE	BURGESS HILL TOWN	0-0	1-0	Rego			
	09/04	A (County To-min	D k						
	12/04		County League	Pagham	1-1		Ranson			
	16/04		COUNTY LEAGUE	It commission was an	0-0					
	21/04		COUNTY LEAGUE		0-0	-				
			COUNTY LEAGUE		0-0					
	23/04		County League	Peacehaven & Tels.	0-2 2-3	1-3	Wright Garrahy, Broaker (pen),			
	26/04		County League		2-3	>->	Garrany, Broaker (pen),			
	30/04		COUNTY LEAGUE	RINGMER			Fell(og).			
	02/05		OUNTY LEAGUE	SOUTHWICK						
	04/05		ounty League	Steyning Town						
	07/05	H C	COUNTY LEAGUE	EASTBOURNE TOWN						

HALF TIME QUIZ

^{1.} Which Football League sides play at the following grounds :- a) Oakwell b) Bloomfield Road c) Leeds Road d) Fratton Park e) The Shay Stadium ? 2. Which County League clubs are the following the managers of :-

a) Roland Page b) Colin Smart c) Roger Addems d) Ian Philby
e) Barry Taylor f) Ken Cherry g) Mick Pooley h) Dave John ?

3. And at which clubs do the following play :- a) Sean Duchossoy

b) Pip Facer c) Mickey Stevens d) Dave Stevens e) Grant Paskins ?

TUESDAY 26 APRIL 1983

Whitehawk (away) Lost 3-5 (2-3)

Whitehawk : M. Judge, K. Brackpool, M. Wheatland, G. Geard, C. Townsend, P. Somers, D. Harding, M. Langley (R. Gunn), G. Fell, K. Townsend, C. Moloney. Non playing sub. - M. Bellchambers. Scorers - Moloney, Geard 2. K. Townsend, Fell.

: W. Norris, P. Taylor, E. Joselyn, R. Nash, F. Mitchell, M. Stacey. Bridges G. Brooker, M. Garrahy, P. Ranson, G. Friar (K. Kelly), D. Palmer (P. Walker). Scorers - Garrahy, Brooker (penalty), Fell (own goal).

Referee Mr. Keith Salvage (Brighton).

After conceding just twenty goals in 24 League matches, we have now managed to let in eight in just two disasters for our defence away from home. But at the same time our scoring record in the 'for' column has improved, so with just four games left, we are equal on goals for and against while points wise we are one better off than games played. But our chances of bettering last season's sixth place now look remote to say the least!

Amazingly only five days earlier we had shared the points with Hawks in a 0-0 draw, so what made the difference this time? Basically, Hawks had Glen Geard back in their side, and he is obviously the man who makes them tick most of the time. His inspiration had been missing at the Jubilee Field, and while we would not label them a one man side, at least we don't have to take panic steps when Dave Palmer is on Sussex duty - good as our Dave is, we have other forwardsin reserve itching to prove they are his equals!

It was a long throw by Davie Harding that set Hawks on their way though, this 12th minute hurl being met by the head of CHRIS MOLONEY, surely one of the smallest men on the field! But three minutes later Hawks failed to clear a corner properly and MICK GARRAHY claimed the equaliser.

A long ball behind our defence after 19 minutes however put us behind again as GLEN GEARD stole through to score, but back we came again when Gary Brooker was upended in the box after 33 minutes. Bobby Nash and Mark Stacey, both still with recent penalty misses in their mind, turned away, and GARY BROOKER himself stuck the spot kick away. But a minute before half time Geard had carved out the opening for KEVIN TOWNSEND to restore their lead once more.

GERRY FELL was on target after 55 minutes and GEARD popped in another twenty minutes later, but after 78 minutes a mix-up involving Malcolm Judge, Kenny Brackpool and GERRY FELL ended with the latter netting for us! But despite a little bit of excitement, we couldn't pull back any more.

Men of the Match (selected by Doug Oliver) -

For the second successive season Peacehaven are County League Champions, a position they attained nine days ago when they beat us 3-1 while Arundel caused a sensation by winning 2-0 at Hastings Town. But while John Bolingbroke's team became the first side since Bexhill Town (in 1966/67) to retain the Championship, the chase for runners up spot is still wide open with any one of four teams poised to snatch the second place honours.

Results of Thursday's games were not known when this page and the League tables opposite were printed, but a look at page 14 will show the situation up to this weekend - obviously programme printing schedules prevent us from showing Saturday's results unfortunately. But the teams who were still in with a shout were Hastings Town, who on Tuesday halted Peacehaven's run of eleven successive victories by drawing with them 2-2 (John Kemp scored both Town goals and Biz Russell hit a brace for Peacehaven), Southwick, Steyning Town and Whitehawk.

Southwick's 0-3 loss at Littlehampton Town, who themselves could have been in with a chance of finishing runners up for the second successive sason had they started their winning run a couple of games earlier, was levelled up by a 4-2 win over wisk in midweek, while Whitehawk's 5-3 victory over us has maintained their momentum. But watch Steyning Town, who have also been winning consistently recently, their only setback being a 1-2 loss at Littlehampton two weeks ago. Alan Pook's side effectively put Arundel down in midweek as well when they won 2-1 away to them, a result that certainly meant that Midhurst could stop holding their breath while it also left Ringmer and Burgess Hill Town both feeling decidedly more comfortable.

The game at Lancing this morning between Alfie Ford's team and Horsham YMCA should be a cracker because it will almost certainly decide who actually wins the Division Two Championship. YMCA clinched the second promotion place with a 4-1 home win over Rye United and a 1-1 draw at East Grinstead last Tuesday, but winning their games in hand won't matter if they lose at Lancing. It's quite a day for the Second Division today in fact, because tonight at Burgess Hill (kick off 7.00 p,m.) the Division Two Cup Final takes place between Shoreham and Newhaven.

With Worthing's first team looking set to join Bognor in the Premier Division of the Isthmian League, their Reserves also seem favorites to win the Reserve Section West. They have 44 points with three games left, and then come Horsham YMCA (42 from 29), Littlehampton (40 from 29) and Arundel (36 from 25). In the East Section Whitehawk finished their programme in midweek with a 6-0 win at East Grinstead, but they are not Champions yet. Burgess Hill can catch them - they won 3-2 at Peacehaven in midweek - but sadly we cannot catch them. Just as we couldn't reflect Thursday's senior games in these notes, you also need to turn to page 14 to find out what happened in our Reserve team game v Crowborough Athletic. But one midweek fact we can report - Albion United's second team actually won 3-1 at Sidley United!

County League Division One	<u>Pl</u> <u>V</u>		L F		Pts	Home	Away
Peacehaven & Telscombe	29 21		2 59		48	0-1	1-3
SOUTHWICK	27 15		4 57		38		1-2
Hastings Town	26 16		5 77		37	0-0	2-4
Steyning Town	26 16		5 46		37	2-0	7.5
Whitehawk	27 14			25	36	0-0	3-5
Littlehampton Town Wick	28 12 28 12		7 56		33	1-1	0-2 2-1
THREE BRIDGES	26 10		9 28	1.0	27	I	I
Hailsham Town	29 11		13 55		27	1-0	0-0
Eastbourne Town	27 8		10 30		25	1-0	0-0
Pagham	30 8		15 46		23	3-1	1-2
Midhurst & Easebourne United	30 5		14 42		21	0-0	4-1
Ringmer	27 7	7 6	14 30		20		1-0
Burgess Hill Town	28 7	6	15 37		20	1-0	1-1
Arundel	28 6		18 31		16	1-0	0-2
Chichester City	30 3	5 2	25 22	98	8	1-0	0-2
Reserve Section (East)	BILL SAIR						
Whitehawk	30 21	1 5	4 83	29	47	2-4	2-2
Burgess Hill Town	25 18	7	4 78		39	1-2	2-1
THREE BRIDGES	26 16		4 75		38	I	I
Eastbourne Town (- 2 pts)	28 16		6 56	37	36	^	1-1
Ringmer	27 15		8 60		34	1-0	1-1
Haywards Heath (- 2 pts)	29 14		10 74		31	2-1	1-2
Eastbourne United (- 2 pts)	28 19	2	11 55	40	30	7-1	0-1
Hastings Town	26 12	2 4		42	28		3-0
Peacehaven & Telscombe	28 8		13 41		23	6-3	2-0
Hailsham Town	29 9	9 6	14 36	56	23	5-0	2-2
East Grinstead	26	7 8	11 35	52	22	2-2	
Bexhill Town	29 10				22	5-1	2-0
Newhaven	29 9				22	5-0	1-1
Crowborough Athletic	26		14 39		18		4-2
Sidley United			19 35		13	3-2	5-2
Albion United	26	1 5	20 22	87	7	7-0	3-0
County League Division Two							
Lancing	29 20	0 6	3 57	25	46		
Horsham IMCA	26 18		3 67	27	41		NEXT SATURDAY
Hassocks	29 1	8 5 6 6	7 69	46	38		AT THE
Bexhill Town	28 1			38	35		JUBILEE
Haywards Heath	27 1	5 2	9 58		34		FIELD :-
Portfield	27 1				31		1st XI v
Shoreham	28 1		. 10 53		31		Eastbourne Tn.
Rye United	28 1				30		Eastbourne In.
East Grinstead	25 1			29	29		K.O. 2.15 p.m.
Selsey	29 1				28		
Wigmore Athletic				57	22		2nd XI v
Sidley United	30	7 5		59	19		Eastbourne Th.
Albion United	30	6 7		67	19		
Newhaven				65	17		K.O. 4.45 p.m.
Crowborough Athletic			19 30		17		
Storrington	28	0 5	19 34	1 00	15		

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

- 25 : Bill Norris
- 23 : Bobby Nash, Dave Palmer
- 21 : Mick Garrahy
- 20 : Russell Rego, Mick Yearwood
- 18 : Dave Gates
- 17 : Eddie Joselyn
- 15 : Gerry Friar
- 13 : Paul Ranson, Mark Stacey
- 10 : Kevin Kelly
- 9 : Gary Brooker, Andy Fisk, Stuart Reed
- 8 : Trevor Wright
- 7 : Barry Tait, Paul Taylor
- 6 : Tony Martin 4 1 Iza Hope
- 3 : Fred Mitchell
- 1 : Martin Fuller, Peter James, Paul Medhurst, John Smith, Phil Watson, Paul Walker.

Playing Substitutes

- 4 : John Smith, Trevor Wright
- 3 : Gary Brooker, Paul Ranson
- 2 : Mark Stacey, Barry Tait, Paul Walker
- 1 : Sean Dowling, Dave Gates, Kevin Kelly, Jimmy Marsh, Tony Martin, Fred Mitchell, Bobby Nash.

Now playing Substitutes

- 4 : Trevor Wright
- 3 : Kevin Kelly, Paul Taylor
- 2 : Gary Brooker, Steve McLennan, Mark Stacey
- 1 : Kieran Corrigan, Sean Dowling, Mick Garrahy, Ian Hope, Tony Martin, Fred Mitchell, Dave Palmer, John Smith, Barry Tait.
- 7 : Dave Palmer
 - 3 : Paul Ranson, Trevor Wright
 - 2 : Gary Brooker, Mick Garrahy, Dave Gates, Bobby Nash
 - 1 : Andy Fisk, Kevin Kelly, Tony Martin, Stuart Reed, Russell Rego, Mick Yearwood, Gerry Fell (Whitehawk, og).

Men of the Match -

- 4 : Bobby Nash 3 : Paul Taylor
- 2 : Gary Brooker, Gerry Friar, Mick Garrahy, Dave Gates, Eddie Joselyn, Mick Yearwood
- 1 : Iam Hope, Kevin Kelly, Tony Martin, Paul Ranson, Stuart Reed, Russell Rego, Barry Tait.

Football Association Challenge Cup

- 3 : Mick Garrahy, Dave Cates, Kevin Kelly, Bebby Nash, Bill Nerris, Dave Palmer, Stuart Reed, Russell Rege
- 2 : Andy Fisk, Barry Tait, Mick Yearwood
- 1 : Ian Hope, Peter James, Eddie Jeselyn.

Playing Substitutes

Non playing Substitutes

1 : Andy Fisk, Paul Ranson.

1 : John Smith.

2 : Dave Palmer

1 : Mick Garrahy, Dave Gates, Paul Ransen.

Men of the Match -

1 : Andy Fisk, Dave Palmer, Russell Roge.

Football Association Vase

- 4 : Eddie Joselyn, Kevin Kelly, Bobby Nash, Bill Norris, Dave Palmer, Russell Rege, Mick Yearwood
- 3 : Mick Garrahy, Dave Gates, John Smith
- 2 : Paul Ranson, Trevor Wright
- 1 : Andy Fisk, Mark Stacey, Barry Tait.

Playing Substitutes

Non playing Substitutes

1 : Mick Garrahy, Barry Tait.

1 : Mark Stacey, Barry Tait.

Scorers - 2: Dave Gates, John Smith 1: Bobby Nash, Mick Yearwood, Own Goal.

MOM - 1: Eddie Josleyn, Bill Norris, Paul Ranson, Russell Rego.

Sussex Senior Cup

1: Andy Fisk, Mick Garrahy, Eddie Joselyn, Kevin Kelly, Bobby Nash, Bill Norris, Dave Palmer, Russell Rego, Mark Stacey, Barry Tait, Mick Yearwood.

Playing Substitute

Non playing Substitute

1 : Gerry Friar.

1 : John Smith.

Scorer - 1 : Dave Palmer.

MOM - Bobby Nash.

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

- 5 : Mick Garrahy, Dave Gates, Eddie Joselyn, Bobby Nash, Bill Norris, Dave Palmer, Russell Rege, Mick Yearwood
- 3 : Gerry Friar, Kevin Kelly, Paul Ranson
- 2 : Mark Stacey
- 1 : Kieran Corrigan, Andy Fisk, John Smith, Trevor Wright.

Playing Substitute

Non playing Substitutes

1 : Martin Fuller.

2: Kevin Kelly, Barry Tait
1: Gerry Friar, Martin Fuller,
Tony Martin, Paul Medhurst,
Fred Mitchell, John Smith,
Phil Watson, Trevor Wright.

Scorers - 4: Dave Palmer 3: Paul Ranson 2: Dave Gates 1: Bobby Nash
MOM - 3: Bobby Nash 1: Gerry Friar, Eddie Jesleyn.

Sussex County League Challenge Cup

- 2 : Dave Gates, Eddie Joselyn, Kevin Kelly, Bobby Nash, Bill Norris, Dave Palmer, Paul Ranson, Russell Rego, Mick Yearwood
- 1 : Andy Fisk, Gerry Friar, Mick Garrahy, Stuart Reed.

Playing Substitutes

Non playing Substitutes

1 : Mark Stacey, Barry Tait.

1 : Kieran Corrigan, John Smith.

Scorer - 2 : Dave Palmer.

MOM - 1: Mick Garrahy, Dave Palmer.

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE 1982/83

The Amual Dinner/Dance takes place at the Crest Hotel on Saturday 21st May, the day that Brighton hope to be bringing the F.A.Cup to Sussex for the first time ever. That evening there will be celebrations of a different kind at the Crest as the Player and Member of the Year Awards are presented to the top names of Three Bridges Football Club. The Management Committee have already made their choice, and there are a number of other trophies to be won - come along and see who they are for yourself. Tickets are £10 - see Alan Ladd or Alf Blackler for further details.

Date	Venue	Competition	Opposition	H-T F-T	Scorers
14/03	Ж	RES. SECT. EAST	SIDLEY UNITED	1-2 3-2	Cook, Garrahy, Ranson
17/08	H	RES. SECT. EAST	EAST GRINSTEAD	2-0 2-2	Walker, funson
21/08	н	RES.SECT. EAST	HAILSHAM TOWN	1-0 5-0	Garrahy, Marsh,
21/00	**				James 2, Stacey
28/08	H	RES. SECT. EAST	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2-1 7-1	McLennan 2, Ranson, James, Lucas, Marsh 2
31/08	A	Res. Scot. East	Enywards Heath	1-1 1-2	Corrigan
04/09	A	Res. Sect. Bast	Pencehaven & Tels.	0-0 2-0	Corrigan 2
11/09	R	RES. SECT. EAST	PHITIHAWK	0-2 2-4	
18/09	A	Res. Sect. East	Albion United	1-0 3-0	Wright 3
25/09	H	MID SX CGP 1	REDIFUSSION	0-0 1-0	Own Goal
02/10	H	RES. STOT. EAST	BENGILL TOWN	1-0 5-1	Wright, Marsh 3, Corrigan
09/10	1	Sx Int Cup 1	Eastbourne WHC	1-0 6-3	Fuller 4, Driver, Frier
16/10		Res. Sect. Cup 1	Southwick	1-0 3-2	Fuller, Lucas, Stacey
23/10	A	Res. Sect. Bast	Newhaven	1-0 1-1	Corrigan
30/10		RES. SECT. EAST	BURGESS HILL TOWN	0-1 1-2	
06/11	A	Mld Sx Cup 2	Scaynes Hill	1-0 3-0	Marsh (pen), Fuller, Smith
13/11	Ĥ	SX INT CUP 2	SALTERAN UNITED	1-2 1-2	Fuller
20/11		Mid Sr. Cup 3	Cooksbridge	0-2 1-2	Reed
04/12		RES. SECT. EAST	PEACHIAVEN & TELS.	3-2 6-3	
01/01		Res. Sect. East	Bexhill Town	1-0 2-0	Fuller, Brooker
03/01		Res. Sect. East	thitchawk	1-0 2-2	
22/01		RES. SECT. EAST	ALBION UNITED	4-0 7-0	Mitchell 2, Stacey,
22/01	41	IMO: DIO TEDROS			Fuller, Brooker,
					Corrigan, Lucas
29/01	A	Res. Sect. Cup 2	trundel	1-0 2-0	
12/02		Res. Sect. Cup 3	Littlehampton Town	0-1 2-4	Fuller, Brooker
		RES. SECT. EAST	NEWHAVEN	1-0 5-0	Brooker 3, Smith, Fuller
19/02		Res. Sect. East	Crowborough Athletic	2-1 4-2	Smith, Tait 2, Fuller
26/0		Res. Sect. East	Hailsham Town	1-0 2-2	Lucas, Wright
05/03		RES. SECT. EAST	RINGMER	1-0 1-0	
12/0		Res. Sect. East	Durgess Hill Town	1-0 2-1	Wright, Walker
16/0		Res. Sect. East	Eastbourne United	0-0 0-1	
19/0		RES. SECT. EAST	HAYWANDS HEATH	1-0 2-1	
26/0		Res. Sect. Fast	Eastbourne Town	0-1 1-1	
01/0			Ringmer	1-0 1-1	McLennan
02/0		Res. Sect. East	Sidley United	0-0 5-2	Tuesley 3.0um Goal. Hell.
09/0		Res. Sect. East		1-0 3-0	
16/0		Res. Sect. East	Hastings Town CROWBOROUGH ATHLETIC	1-0	
28/0		RES. SECT. EAST	HASTINGS TOWN		
30/0		RES. SECT. EAST	East Grinstead		
05/0	5 A	Res. Sect. East	EAST Grinstead		

ANSWERS TO HALF TIME QUIZ (see page 4)

- 1. a) Barnsley b) Blackpool c) Huddersfield Town d) Portsmouth e) Halifax Town
 - a) Midhurst & Easebourne United b) Hassocks c) Eastbourne Town
 d) Arundel e) Hailsham Town f) Albion United g) Newhaven h) Haywards Heath

EASTBOURNE TOWN

RES. SECT. EAST

07/05

- 3. a) Newhaven b) Ringmer c) Midhurst & Easebourne United d) Lancing
 e) Hassocks
- Full match analyses of recent Reserve team games will appear in our next programme. The away game at East Grinstead on 20 April was postponed as was the home match with Hastings Town on 23 April. Revised dates are shown above.

2nd XI APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

Appearances

28 : Paul Taylor

23 : Gary Lucas

22 : Fred Mitchell

19 : Martin Fuller 18 : Phil Watson

17 : John Smith

16 : Dave MacDonald, Paul Walker

15 : Trevor Wright

14 : Gerry Friar, Tony Martin, Mark Stacey

13 : Jimmy Marsh

12 : Kieran Corrigan, Russell Driver, Barry Tait

9 : Sean Dowling 8 : Sean Tuesley

7 : Kevin Kelly, Mick McEwen

6 : Gary Brooker, Dave Gibbins, Eddie Joselyn, Steve McLennan, Michael Webb

5 : Mick Garrahy, Paul Ranson

4: Keith Cook, Ian Hope, Mark Logan, Graham Rashbrook, Paul Shepherd

3 : Peter James, Stan Norris, Stuart Reed

2 : Dave Easton, Steve Knight, Paul Medhurst

1 : Rick Fitzgerald, Ray Kerslake, Mick Yearwood.

Men of the Match

5 : Paul Taylor

4 : Tony Martin

3 : Gerry Friar, Fred Mitchell

2: Keith Cook, John Smith, Barry Tait, Trevor Wright

1 : Kieran Corrigan, Sean Dowling, Dave Easton, Martin Fuller, Mick Garrahy, Dave Gibbins, Ian Hope,

Peter James, Gary Lucas, Mark Stacey, Sean Tuesley.

Playing Substitutes

6 : Gary Lucas

5 : Sean Tuesley
4 : Steve McLennan

3 : Sean Dowling, Russell Driver, Jimmy Marsh

2 : Mick McEwen

1: Steve Brooker, Brian Crossey, Gerry Friar, Ray Kerslake, Mark Logan, Paul Ranson, Mark Stacey, Ian Tiley, Graham Rashbrook, Paul Shepherd, Paul Walker.

Non playing Substitutes

5 : Sean Tuesley

4 : Mark Logan, Gary Lucas

3 : Russell Driver, Paul Shepherd

2 : Dave Gibbins, Paul Harris, Mick McEwen

1 : Jimmy Marsh, Steve McLennan

Scorers

14 : Martin Fuller

10 : Kieran Corrigan

9 : Jimmy Marsh 7 : Trevor Wright

6 : Gary Brooker, Mark Stacey

5 : Gary Lucas

4 : Barry Tait, Sean Tuesley, Paul Walker

3: Peter James, Steve McLennan, Fred Mitchell, Paul Ranson, John Smith

2 : Mick Garrahy, Own Goals

1: Keith Cook, Russell Driver, Gerry Friar, Tony Martin, Paul Taylor, Graham Rashbrook,

YOUTH XI MATCH ANALYSIS

THURSDAY 14 APRIL 1983

Burgess Hill Town (away) Lost 1-3 (1-2)

Bridges: D.MacDonald, M.Logan, R.Kerridge, J.Chatfield, D.Gibbins, D.Gaylor, P.Harris (D.Klein), M.Webb, J.Hughes (B.Carney), S.Tuesley, M.Fuller. Scorer - Fuller.

A change of rules means that we are out of the Youth Cup with only one game played, leaving us with just one League game to play at Haywards Heath. Burgess Hill, who qualified for the semi finals by winning all three home games, scored after 8 and 25 minutes before a penetrating through ball by Dave Gibbins gave MARTIN FULLER the chance to run through and score. But a defensive error let the Hillians back in twelve minutes after our 35th minute goal.

Bridges Man of the Match - Jeremy Chatfield.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR - TODAY'S VISITORS

SOUTHWICK - Chairman - Bill Earl

Secretary - Malcolm Grinstead

Manager - Ray McCarthy Ground - Old Barn Way

Colours - Red/black shirts, black shorts

and socks

Six times winners of the County League Championship, Southwick looked well equipped to make it a seventh time just over a month ago. They led the table andlooked nicely placed for a good run-in, but just as it happened to the club in the 1979/80 season, a bleak run at the end has cost them the title as another side instead broke virtually all records to overhaul them.

Three seasons ago it was Chichester City who pipped Wickers at the post, a goal-less draw at Old Barn Way in the last match settling matters in City's favour. This time around it was settled slightly earlier, although the game that started the rot as far as Wickers were concerned was the 0-1 defeat at home to Peacehaven, who then set off on an amazing run of eleven successive victories to clinch their second successive title.

Wickers, who it is rumoured have aspirations on the Southern League, have however had a more memorable season this time thatn in the last two years. The loss of players like Mick Edmonds, Alan Dovey and others to Worthing after their last near miss led to two years in the wilderness as far as this great Sussex club was concerned. The lower half of Division One is not the normal place one would expect to find Southwick, and the last straw must have been when they were rock bottom in the early stages of last season. The appointment of Ray McCarthy as manager from Steyning Town during the close season had the effect of another clear out of players, although McCarthy this time attracted quite a healthy selection of replacements. Players like Alec Siveyer (to Burgess Hill) and Paul Hibby (to Peacehaven) were replaced by Richard Cheal, Micky Russell and Kevin Crooks, all of whom followed Ray Mac from Steyning.

But McCarthy managed to hold on to Gary Brown, signed a few other notables such as Keith Wood and Gary Elphick, surprised a few others by being first to sign Peter Cairns and Ricky Holder and at times blodded youngsters from within Southwick's healthy youth structure. All this helped Wickers to reach the final of the County League Challenge Cup, where they were beaten 3-2 by Whitehawk, and maintain a serious title challenge. Sadly for them it has all come to nought in terms of rewards on the trophy cabinet, but with runners up position still a viable prepention, it's a sure bet that Ray Mac and his quick witted assistant Johnny Ansbro - both of whom played for Steyning themselves - will be pitting a strong side against us as they attempt to join Peacehaven as the only sides to do a League double over us this season.

In Wickers' line up, expect to see the following: Goalkeeper Paul Hubbard, aged 22, has played for Brighton, Hastings United and Whitehawk, and he has also represented the County League side as chosen by John Keehan. Hubbard, rated as one of the finds of the season, came into the team following injury to Keith Cheal, one of the men to have followed McCarthy from Steyning Town to Southwick. Cheal has now recovered from the broken leg he sustained in Sunday football and may yet win a first team recall this term. Keith Wood, a cultured full back, was previously ith Tooting & Mitcham United, Worthing and Lewes, and proved to be one of McCarthy's finest signings this season, along with central defender Gary Elphick, who has played for Stoke City, Lewes and Horsham. 'Alfie' is skipper of the side.

Derek Beale, aged 25, won a League runners up medal with Southwick in 1979/80 as did centre back Gary Brown. But whereas Beale - who has had experience with Brighton - left for Steyning and only came back with Ray McCarthy, Brown is one of the few Southwick players remaining from last season. A former Wickers manager himself, he was justifiably voted the Man of the Match in the County League Challenge Cup Final this season against Whitehawk.

A midfielder who missed the Cup Final was 17 year old Alan Ingledew, who is definetly one to watch in the future, although he has already been selected for the County League rep side. He is learning from the likes of Richard Cheal and Micky 'Milf' Russell, both of whom joined Mickers this season from Steyning Town. 22 year old Cheal, who has played for Brighton's Reserve side, won RUR Cup and League Cup winners medals with the rest of the former Steyning players when they were all at the Shooting Field, and he is likely to win many more honours yet. Russell, who has represented the County League's Under 21 side, will probably not thank us for telling you that he is the brother of Riz Russell, the Peacehaven dynamo, but he is fast becoming a quality player in his own right anyway.

29 year old Peter Cairns surprised many - including his brother Norman - when he left Littlehampton Town to join Southwick at the start of the season, but it has proved to be another coup for McCarthy and company. Cairns, who has also played for Pagham, Worthing, Croydon, Carshalton and Arundel, is also a potential match winner, one of many in this impressive Southwick line up. Others include forwards Ricky Holder and Kevin Crooks. Holder, formerly with Worthing, Lewes, Horsham and Peacehaven, is a current member of the full Sussex side, and Crooks, who has also played for Whitehawk, Steyning and Shoreham, was top scorer in the whole of the First Division last season.

Other members of the ex-Steyning brigade are defender John 'Shaking' Stevens, utility player Stevie Watts - who recovered dramatically from a leg injury that doctors had suggested would prevent him from ever playing football again - and veteran striker Dixie Watts. All three began their County League playing days with Whitehawk. With defender Colin Wood another ex-Steyning boy and young former Whitehawk midfielder Phil Meads also in the squad, Southwick can offer a variety of talent today - let's see how we can match it, lads.

Let's hope that this morning's referee TONY SIM is someone who can take a joke like the heading above. For he is a policeman who has shown in three years as a County League referee that he can just as easily exert his authority on a football match. Now in his late thirties, Mr. Sim has graduated from playing the game to officiating, and we welcome him along with his linesman Mr. Richardson and lineswoman Liz Forsdick, who made her Jubilee Field debut a month ago.

MIDWEEK RESULTS

Two important results in the chase for runners up spot developed as Hastings Town recovered from two down to draw 2-2 at Eastbourne Town on Thursday evening, while Whitehawk - obviously having exhausted their goal tally for the week with their 5-3 win over us - were held to a 0-0 draw by Littlehampton Town. Finally Ringmer made absolutely certain of their First Division status for next season with a 2-0 victory at Hailsham Town, both goals coming in the last ten minutes.

But one other result now :

2nd XI v CROWBOROUGH ATHLETIC (HOME) Won 3-1 (2-1)

Bridges: P. Watson, M. Logan, S. Dowling, D. Gibbins, F. Mitchell, G. Lucas, J. Smith, T. Wright, P. Walker, G. Rashbrook, M. Fuller.
Non playing subs. - R. Driver, S. Tuesley.
Scorers - Rashbrook, Walker.

After conceding a breakaway goal, we levelled when GRAHAM RASHBROOK drew the keeper and chipped over him, and PAUL WALKER claimed the second with a stooping header, although Trevor Wright's shot looked on its way. Gary Lucas then had a shot half saved and he chipped the return to the far post for PAUL WALKER to head home another.

Bridges Man of the Match - Dave Gibbins.

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